

# ***Beyond the Neon***

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## **June 2006 Calendar of Events**

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### **Youth Dance Camp**

Pre-registration: June 2-16 (save \$25)

Registration: June 17-July 7

Camp Dates: Monday-Friday, July 10-28, 9:30 am-1 pm

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Three-week camp for intermediate-advanced dancers, age 12-18, includes ballet technique, pointe, jazz, lyrical jazz and Pilates.

Fee: \$175 (\$125 each additional sibling)

### **First Friday in the Arts District**

Friday, June 2, 6-10 pm

#### **Arts District**

Main Street and Charleston Boulevard

More than 60 studios, businesses and galleries participate in the monthly cultural block party. Free trolley service provided. For information, [www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org](http://www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org)

### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre**

#### ***The Little Mermaid***

June 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 • 7 pm

June 4, 10, 11 • 2 pm

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

The entire family will be enchanted by the original classic version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale. The Little Mermaid learns that love may require the supreme sacrifice, but that everlasting happiness is a reward for good deeds.

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

### **Jazz: A History of America's Music**

Saturday, June 3, 12 & 2:30 pm

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800

Two film documentaries with light refreshments between each showing. *The Gift* (1917-1924) focuses on the early years of Louis Armstrong, and *Our Language* (1924-1929) features jazz soloists and singers.

Free admission

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## **Las Vegas Wind Quintet**

**Sunday, June 4, 3 pm**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The quintet, featuring Dave Hawley, clarinet; Sherrie Parker, flute; Kelly Evans, oboe; Doug Beasley, horn; and Sam Pisciotta, bassoon, plays a variety of classical music. The music is provided, in part, by a grant from the Music Performance Fund and obtained with the cooperation of the Musicians Union of Las Vegas, Local No. 369 of the American Federation of Music.

Free admission

## **A Night at the Movies**

**Wednesdays, 8 pm**

### **Estelle Neal Park**

Serene Drive and West Tropical Parkway, **229-4614**

Bring the family, lawn chairs and/or blankets and watch family movies under the stars.

#### **June 7           *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***

The magical mind of director Tim Burton takes us back inside the most famous chocolate factory in the world. Charlie Bucket is a poor little boy who wins every young child's dream when he gets a chance to tour Willy Wonka's amazing factory with four other – much naughtier – children.

#### **June 14           *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit***

Vegetables are disappearing from the town's gardens, just before the annual competition. It's Anti-Pesto to the rescue in this delightful hare-raising adventure starring the cheese-loving Wallace and his trusty canine companion Gromit.

#### **June 21           *March of the Penguins***

This beautifully filmed documentary records a year in the life of emperor penguins in Antarctica, the perilous journey to breeding grounds, and the struggle for survival.

#### **June 28           *Madagascar***

At New York's Central Park Zoo, four animal friends are living a blissful domesticated life in captivity. But circumstances intervene and they find themselves shipwrecked in the jungles of Madagascar.

Free admission

## **Summer Class Registration**

**Through June 8; classes June 13-July 23**

### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theatre, and Spanish and African cultural arts.

Download the class catalog or register online at [www.clvbeyondtheneon.com](http://www.clvbeyondtheneon.com).

Fees vary

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### **TACK – The Arts Connection Kamp**

**Registration open through June 10**

**Camp dates: Monday-Friday, June 12-August 4**

**Full-day: 9 am-4 pm • Morning only: 9 am-12 pm • Afternoon only: 1-4 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Eight weeks of cultural arts activities for children ages 6-12. Morning theatre classes, afternoons of visual art, music and dance. Includes watching performances of Children's Summer Concert Series in July. Flexible payment plans and multiple sibling discount.

Fees: Full-day, \$550, half-day, \$300

### **Watoto Book Club**

**Saturdays, June 10 & 24, 11 am-12:30 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Young people ages 10-16 are invited to join the book club; selections are based on an African-American curriculum. All educational material will be provided to students.

Free admission

### **Orgullo Mexicano Ballet Folklorico**

**Saturday, June 10, 7 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Ballet Folklorico Huehuelcoyotl, a dance troupe from Guadalajara, Mexico, performs colorful, traditional Mexican dances to ranchero-style music.

Tickets: \$10, children 12 & under free

### **Summer Youth Film Series**

**Thursdays, 2 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

#### **June 15      *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone***

The first installment of the Harry Potter series introduces the young wizard, Hermione, Ron and the magical world of Hogwarts.

#### **June 22      *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets***

Harry's second year at Hogwarts finds new adventures and mysteries. Someone or something is turning the students to stone.

#### **June 29      *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban***

Harry's third year at Hogwarts brings darker and more troublesome problems, with the soul-destroying Dementors roaming the countryside and escaped prisoner Sirius Black on the hunt for Harry.

Free admission

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## **Summer Latin Film Series**

### ***Sin Efectores Especiales: Without Special Effects***

*Cosponsored by [www.tyrotv.com](http://www.tyrotv.com)*

**Thursdays, June 15-July 20, 7 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Spanish language films from diverse Latin cultures. Discussion, led by Luis Bonilla from [www.tyrotv.com](http://www.tyrotv.com), follows each film.

#### **June 15        *Vendedora de Rosas***

Victor Gaviria's look at life on the streets of Colombia is fascinating, bleak and uncompromising.

#### **June 22        *Cuidad de Dios (City of God)***

This sweeping tale of young street gangs in Rio de Janeiro is a harsh reality check on crime and Rio's poor population.

#### **June 29        *El Callejon de Los Milagros***

Salma Hayek and Luis Felipe Tovar star in an adaptation of a novel by Nobel Prize winner Naguib Mahfuz. The story centers around the intertwined lives of neighbors in the old downtown section of Mexico City.

Free admission

## **Downtown Cultural Series**

### **Kim Russell Portrays Sojourner Truth**

**Friday, June 16, 12-1 pm**

#### **Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse**

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-4614**

Sojourner Truth was a feisty, outspoken 19th-century anti-slavery feminist. Russell shares Truth's thoughts on emancipation, civil war, integration, Jim Crow, women's rights, and black migration from south to north. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

## **Tumblewords**

### ***Writing Your Life* with Cindie Geddes**

**Reading and Talk: Friday, June 16, 7 pm**

**Workshop: Saturday, June 17, 2 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

Writer Cindie Geddes discusses her work and offers advice in finding and expressing individuals' own truths. A program of the Nevada Arts Council with support from National Endowment for the Arts.

Free admission

## **The Poets' Corner**

**Friday, June 16, 7:30 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free admission

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**Juneteenth Celebration**

*Co-presented with the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation*

**Saturday, June 17, 4-9 pm**

**Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza**

720 Twin Lakes Drive, in Lorenzi Park, West Washington west of Rancho Drive

Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery. Festivities include cultural, educational and children's activities, live entertainment, family-oriented fun, booths, prizes and soul food. Call **255-6659** for information.

Free admission

**Daddy/Daughter Dance**

*Cosponsored by Univision Radio*

**Saturday, June 17, 7-10 pm**

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Fathers and daughters can create a special memory with an evening together. Dance to English and Spanish music; contests, prizes, refreshments and a professional photographer, too.

Tickets: \$3

**Father's Day Concert with Tony Scodwell Big Band**

**Sunday, June 18, 7 pm (gates open 6 pm)**

**Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza**

720 Twin Lakes Drive, in Lorenzi Park, West Washington west of Rancho Drive

Celebrate Father's Day by bringing the family, lawn chairs and/or blankets to the outdoor theater and listen to classic hits from the big band era. Picnics welcome. Hot dogs, chips and soda available while supplies last. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free admission

**Old Time Barn Dance**

*Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers*

**Saturday, June 24, 7-10 pm**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students, active military & children

**Dynamic Trombone Quartet**

**Sunday, June 25, 3 pm**

**Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Walter Boenig leads the group in a wide-ranging repertoire, from classical to country.

Free admission

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## **IN THE GALLERIES**

### **Voices of Youth**

**Through June 18**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

What happens when northern Nevada teens are given 35mm cameras and audio recording equipment and told to explore their communities? This Nevada Arts Council traveling exhibit is the result. Included is a complementary exhibit created by Las Vegas youth in the New Directions YouthArts program.

They worked with architect Anne Johnson to create living spaces that reflect their individual histories, environment and/or ideas of their future places in society. Call **229-4674** for information. This exhibit is part of the Nevada Arts Council's Nevada Touring Initiative, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Western Folklife Center.

Free admission

### ***Routine Incidents* by Michelle Forsyth**

**Through June 18**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Delicately patterned gouache works stand in contrast to the repellant qualities of their source imagery. Digital video work included. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

### **Across the Divide**

**June 23-September 3**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Artist and professor Yu Ji curates an exhibition of works by Chinese artists who teach in American universities. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

### **Honest Horses**

**June 23-August 27**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Wild horses symbolize the West, a reminder of our country's emergence as a nation and their role in Western history. Paula Morin's photographs presents an uncommon view of wild horses' significance to Nevada's Great Basin. This exhibit is part of the Nevada Arts Council's Nevada Touring Initiative, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nevada Museum of Art. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

### **Celebrating Life! Fine Art Exhibition**

**Through June 30**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Exhibition features artwork by senior artists age 50 or older that was selected from submissions to the annual Celebrating Life! competition. Cosponsored by City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and Department of Leisure Services' Senior Citizen Programs Division. Call **229-6844** for details.

Free admission

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**Vegas VIP**

**Through June 30**

**Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 2nd Floor**

400 East Stewart Avenue

Reproductions of vintage postcards and historical photographs of old downtown Las Vegas. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

**Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces**

**Ongoing**

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Two- and three-dimensional works by local artists Jorge Catoni, Earl T. Dunbar, Jennifer Gilbert, Vija Hamilton, Anne Hoff, Charles Lintner, Deborah Norton, Angel O'Briant, Kristin Pinkerton and Mary Warner are displayed throughout the facility. Call **229-4631** for information.

Free

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